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SUBJECT: GROWING ISRAELI NERVOUSNESS ABOUT MILITARY
DEVELOPMENTS

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1. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE THERE ARE REPORTS CIRCULATING
HERE THAT SYRIA HAS REFUSED TO RENEW UNDOF MANDATE.
THIS IS CAUSING SOME DISQUIET PARTICULARLY GIVEN
CURRENT ISRAELI CONCERNS ABOUT THE IMPLICATIONS OF
ALLEGED JORDANIAN-SYRIAN AGREEMENT FOR MILITARY
COOPERATION AND TALK OF MILITARY ACTIVITY IN THE
JORDAN VALLEY. REF DATT MESSAGE REPORTS THAT IDF HAS
RECALLED SOME RESERVES, AND THERE IS POSSIBLITY THAT
TENSIONS COULD START BUILDING UP IN AN UNDESIRABLE WAY.

2. BEARING IN MIND THE WAY THIS HAPPENED IN SOMEWHAT
SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES IN NOVEMBER, WE WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE
DEPT'S CURRENT ASSESSMENT OF SYRIA'S UNDOF INTENTIONS. IF
WE HAVE ANY SOOTHING INFORMATION
WHICH MIGHT BE PASSED TO GOI, IT COULD BE HELPFUL IN
PREVENTING OVER-REACTION HERE TO DEVELOPMENTS IN THE
AREA. IF IT LOOKS AS IF SYRIANS AREN'T GOING TO RENEW,
NEXT TWO WEEKS WILL BE VERY TENSE INDEED.

3. DEPT PLEASE PASS TO CAIRO, AMMAN, AND DAMASCUS.
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